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**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 12 and 13 have been examined and have been rejected under 35  
U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over the newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,851,976  
to Ichida et al. ("Ichida").